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SUBJECT: CRYSTAL-BALLING THE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS,  
A REFINED PROJECTION

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1. THE IMPORTANT SHIFTS IN THE RELATIVE STRENGTHS OF THE  
OPPOSITION PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES DURING THE PAST THREE  
WEEKS DESCRIBED REFTEL SUGGEST THAT THE RELATIVE STRENGTHS  
OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE NEW ASSEMBLY WILL VARY  
SOMEWHAT FROM THE ESTIMATES THE EMBASSY SUBMITTED IN  
EARLY JANUARY (REFERENCE AIRGRAM). WHILE WE STILL BELIEVE  
THAT THE PLN WILL CAPTURE FROM 24 TO 28 OF THE 57 ASSEMBLY  
SEATS ON THE BASIS OF A 39-TO 43-PERCENT PLURALITY FOR  
ODUBER, THE MARKED DETERIORATION OF STRENGTH OF THE SECOND-  
RUNNING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FERNANDO TREJOS (UN) SINCE  
THAT TIME WILL PROBABLY BE REFLECTED IN A DROP IN UN  
ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION FROM THE PREVIOUSLY PROJECTED  
18 TO 23 SEATS TO 16 TO 19. THIS IS ON THE BASIS OF TREJOS  
RUNNING ABOUT 27 TO 30 PERCENT.

2. MOST OF THE SLACK WILL BE TAKEN UP BY RODRIGO CARAZO'S  
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PRD ON THE BASIS OF CARAZO'S STRONG LATE SURGE. IT NOW

APPEARS THAT THE PRD WILL CAPTURE FROM 5 TO 8 ASSEMBLY SEATS. JORGE GONZALEZ MARTEN'S PNI HAS NOT INCREASED ITS STRENGTH BUT STILL SHOULD WIN FROM 3 TO 6 SEATS.

3. OUR COMPLETE NEW PROJECTIONS FOR THE POLITICAL PARTY COMPOSITION OF THE 1974-1978 ASSEMBLY ARE AS FOLLOW:

A. NATIONAL LIBERATION PARTY (PLN)	24-28 SEATS
B. NATIONAL UNIFICATION PARTY (UN)	16-19 "
C. DEMOCRATIC RENOVATION PARTY (PRD)	5-8 "
D. NATIONAL INDEPENDENT PARTY (PNI)	3-6 "
E. SOCIALIST ACTION (COMMUNIST) PARTY (PASO)	1-3 "
F. NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PARTY (PR)	1 "
G. CARTAGO AGRARIAN PARTY (PAC)	0-1 "
H. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC)	0-1 "

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